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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL NEGOTIATION: WASHINGTON ACTIVITIES

FOR MINISTER BELL AND LTG DOLVIN FROM WYROUGH

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THIS IS MESSAGE NO. 6 FROM THE DEPARTMENT RESPECTING THE
NOVEMBER 1975 NEGOTIATING ROUND.

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1. CONGRESSIONAL VISIT. VISIT BY CONGRESSMEN
HAMILTON AND OBEY, INCLUDING SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH PAN-
AMANIAN LEADERS AND U.S. OFFICIALS, PROVIDED THEM WITH IN-
DEPTH APPRECIATION OF COMPLEX ISSUES INVOLVED IN TREATY
QUESTION, ITS IMPACT ON U.S. RELATIONS WITH PANAMA AND THE
HEMISPHERE AND THE INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS OF PANAMA.
THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THE TRIP WAS HIGHLY USEFUL AND
MADE CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING FUTURE CONGRES-
SIONAL VISITS.

2. FOREIGN MILITARY SALES. DEFENSE HAS REPLIED TO OUR
PROPOSED CABLE WITH A LETTER FROM VEYSEY TO AMBASSADOR

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BUNKER ESSENTIALLY CONCURRING WITH OUR APPROACH. WE PLAN

TO CIRCULATE THE DOD DRAFT WITHIN STATE FOR FINAL CLEARANCES
AND WILL THEN TRANSMIT IT TO THE EMBASSY.

3. SUPPORT GROUP MEETING. SUPPORT GROUP WILL MEET ON
TUESDAY FOR GENERAL DISCUSSION.

4. KOREAN ISSUE. IO HAS AGAIN ASKED FOR WAYS WE CAN SHOW
PANAMA OUR DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE PANAMANIAN POSITION
IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE TWO KOREAN RESOLUTIONS. ARA
HAS THUS FAR MAINTAINED VIEW THAT SANCTIONS OF ANY KIND
ARE LIKELY TO BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. WE ARE RECOMMENDING
CONTINUED 'ADHEREN-E TO THIS I POSITION.

5. ASSOCIATION OF UNITED STATES ARMY. A REPRESENTATIVE
OF THE ASSOCIATION HAS ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE IN PRE-
PARING A FAVORABLE RESOLUTION ON THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR CON-
SIDERATION BY THE ORGANIZATION. FIRFER IS PREPARING RE-
PO SPONSE.

6. UCLA SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT. YOU WILL RECALL THAT AT ONE
POINT PA WAS SUGGESTING THAT YOU ACCEPT AN INVITATION TO
SPEAK TO STUDENTS AT UCLA DURING YOUR TRIP NEXT WEEK TO
LOS ANGELES. PA HAS NOW RECONSIDERED AND FEELS THAT BE-
CAUSE OF HEAVY SCHEDULING OF STATE SPEAKERS IN CALIFORNIA
FOR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO ACCEPT INVI-
TATION AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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